



Commencement

Spring 2006

Forty-sixth Commencement

Saturday • May 20, 2006

Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Forty-sixth Commencement

9:30 a.m. • Saturday • May 20, 2006

Cooperative Graduate Programs

School of Business Administration • School of Education
Bachelor of General Studies

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"

Elgar

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation

Dr. Elaine Freeman

Professor, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Julio S. León

President, Missouri Southern State University

Remarks

Dr. Julio S. León

Dr. Dean L. Hubbard

President, Northwest Missouri State University

Dr. Gregory G. Fitch

Commissioner, Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education

Senator Gary Nodler

Assistant Majority Floor Leader

Presentation of Graduate Class

Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Dr. Kichoon Yang

Provost, Northwest Missouri State University

Conferring of Graduate Degrees

Dr. Dean L. Hubbard

Dr. Julio S. León

Master's Hooding Ceremony

Alma Mater - Missouri Southern & Northwest

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees

Presentation of Class

Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks

Dr. Nii Adote Abrahams

President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors

Dr. Richard J. McCallum

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 20)

Anna Johnson

Music Education-Vocal, Class of 2006

Benediction

Dr. Elaine Freeman

Recessional "Sine Nomine"

R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

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Noon • Saturday • May 20, 2006
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School of Arts & Sciences • School of Technology
Associate Degrees

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Invocation

Mrs. Grace Ayton
Associate Professor, School of Technology, Missouri Southern State University

Welcome, Introductions and Remarks

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Presentation of Class

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Melanie Holt
Junior Music Education-Vocal, MSSU

Benediction

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DR. GREGORY G. FITCH

Dr Gregory G. Fitch assumed the duties of Commissioner of Higher Education for the state of Missouri in January 2005.

He was the founding president of the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT), serving more than 60,000 students. Prior to his role at UCAT, he served as executive director for the Idaho State Board of Education. He also served in chancellor and president roles in two large community college systems, and was the vice president and dean for academic affairs in a two-year institution, which was later granted four-year degree options in South Dakota. He started his career in education and elementary and high school teacher roles in Topeka, Kansas.

Dr Fitch holds a Ph.D. in administration, curriculum and instruction from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a M.A. in English from Emporia State University, and a B.A. in English with a minor in sociology and education from Washburn University in Topeka. He is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, a Vietnam War Veteran, and initially began his career after military service in public law enforcement in the greater Kansas City area.



DR. DEAN L. HUBBARD

Dr Dean L. Hubbard has been president of Northwest Missouri State University since 1984. Prior to his post at Northwest, he served as president of Union College, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dr Hubbard has earned degrees from Stanford University (Ph.D.); Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea (Korean Language); and Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan (B.A. and M.A.). Dr Hubbard and his wife have three grown children.

Under Dr Hubbard's leadership, Northwest has received national attention for its "Culture of Quality" plan to improve the quality of all aspects of the institution's operations. Dr Hubbard is internationally recognized for his work in the field of total quality management (TQM), particularly in the service sector. He served from 1992-96 as a member of the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, serves on the board of the Excellence in Missouri Foundation, the Governor's Oversight Panel for Quality in Missouri Government, and chaired the Judge's Panel for the Missouri Quality Award.

In 1998 he received the Missouri Governor's Quality Leadership Award. He chaired the AAHE Academic Quality Consortium and is a member of the TQ Leadership Steering Committee and the American Society for Quality Control. He regularly lectures and conducts workshops on the topic of quality improvement.



SEN. GARY NODLER

A native of Neosho, Sen. Nodler graduated from Missouri Southern State University in 1972 with a B.A. in Political Science. A member of the American Legion, Sen. Nodler served in the United States Army and the Missouri National Guard. He was Congressman Gene Taylor's district staff director from 1973 to 1988. President Bush appointed Sen. Nodler to serve as Regional Administrator for the United States Small Business Administration in 1989, a post he held until January of 1993.

In November of 2002, Gary Nodler won election as a Republican to the Missouri Senate, representing the 32nd District, which includes Dade, Jasper and Newton counties.

Sen. Nodler is currently Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Chair of the Education Committee, and Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee.

In 2003, Sen. Nodler sponsored Senate Bill 55 and directed its successful passage in the General Assembly. The historic legislation changed the name of Missouri Southern State College to Missouri Southern State University and also established the mechanism by which Missouri universities could partner and jointly offer graduate degrees.

Sen. Nodler was named MSSU Outstanding Alumnus in 2003.



DR. JULIO S. LEÓN

Dr Julio S. León has served as President of MSSU since 1982, one of the longest Presidencies at one institution in the nation. During his administration, Missouri Southern has developed an award-winning International Mission that is internationally recognized. A unique aspect of the international program is the themed semesters offered each fall. Fall 2006 will be "The France Semester."

Active on the national education scene, Dr León has served as Chairman of the Board for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), one of the nation's largest higher education organizations, and as a board member for the American Council on Education (ACE). He also served as vice president for the United States in the International Organization of Higher Education, a group representing 400 universities throughout the Americas.

In the community, Dr León has served on the boards of numerous civic organizations and in 1993, he and his wife, Vivian, were named "Citizens of the Year" by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.



Cooperative Graduate Programs



Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University Master of Science in Education

Berning, Carrisa Dawn *

*Teaching: Instructional Technology
El Dorado Springs*

Moss, Stephen Michael *

*Teaching: Instructional Technology
Commerce, OK*

Smith, Misty Lee *

*Teaching: Early Childhood Education
Galena, KS*

Burgess, Don L.

*Teaching: Instructional Technology
Springfield*

Moss, Stacy Kirsten *

*Teaching: Early Childhood Education
Commerce, OK*

Wallace, Christie Donna *

*Teaching: Early Childhood Education
Carthage*

Missouri Southern State University's forty-sixth commencement ceremony marks a historic event for the University and its students. The first graduates of the first cooperative master's program are being recognized. The accomplishments of these students was made possible when MSSU and Northwest Missouri State University collaborated to provide residents of the Four-States region with an opportunity to earn advanced degrees in Early Childhood Education and Instructional Technology. The two institutions combined resources to deliver the programs with traditional classroom teaching and state-of-the-art online learning tools using faculty from both institutions.

Effective August 2003, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation giving Missouri Southern State University the opportunity to offer the joint graduate programs in cooperation with other public four-year institutions in the State of Missouri (RSMo 173.005). The legislative effort was lead by Sen. Gary Nodler in the Senate and Rep. Bryan Stevenson in the House. Others working to pass the legislation included Rep. Steve Hunter, Rep. Ron Richard, Rep. Kevin Wilson and Rep. Marilyn Ruestman. The legislation was signed into law by Gov. Bob Holden.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education oversaw the implementation of the cooperative programs to ensure the most efficient use of state resources and the highest quality of advanced educational opportunities.

During the ceremony, the presentation of the academic hood to master's degree recipients represents a powerful, highly symbolic moment in both the candidates' lives and in the commencement ceremony. The hooding ceremony for the cooperative graduate programs at Missouri Southern State University signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. Colors of the hoods were carefully selected to represent both institutions and the corresponding fields of study. The names of both universities appear on the graduates' diplomas. The symbolism and significance of academic regalia appear on page 21

To fulfill its mission and to meet the needs of the growing population and economy of the region, Missouri Southern is pursuing similar collaborative programs with the University of Missouri — Kansas City for advanced degrees in nursing and dental hygiene, Southeast Missouri State University for a master's program in criminal justice and Missouri State University for a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree. We expect to celebrate with graduates from each of those programs in the near future.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Alvarez, Staci Marie ‡
Armstrong, Shirley Anne
Avery, Heidi Dawn
Ball, Amzel Rochelle * ‡
Basye, Jerome *
Bemo, Rachel Renelle
Branum, Susana Kate †
Burchfield, Rebekah N. *
Burleson, Clayton Randall

Castle, Iashia Shante †
Clarkson, Bobby Jean †
Dickinson, Candice Renee
Eckhart, Ashley Kaye †
Feather, Dusty Todd
Gallemore, Caleb Tyrell †
Gibson, Sara Lynn ‡
Goans, Laura Elizabeth
Hoover, Meghan Nicole

Iaru, Stefan †
Jenny, Matthew David ‡
Krueger, Krista Nichole
Kuhl, Katherine Holly
Lambeth, Ashley Dawn †
Littlefield, Sheila A. ‡
McMunn, Kim Denise
Peters, Jenny Marie ‡ †
Reiboldt, Kathleen Ann

Salsbury, Sara Layne †
Sapp, Elizabeth Kathleen †
Schlink, Sarah Nicole
Stephens, Vanessa N.
Tate, Cortney Elaine * †
White, Jennica Brinn †
Whyte, Bryan Michael

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Blankenship, Amber Briana †
Bruton, Erin Leigh
Delaney, Kristina Jane *
Elbert, Holly Constance
Fiddler, James Clayton
Friga, Kelli Jeanette

Gerlach, Thomas James †
Gleason, Michael David
Hathaway, LaDawn Chere *
Hilton, Heather Dawn †
Jackson, Rhonda K.

Jones, Daniel Alden
Kress, Genii Lee
Miller, William Benton
Rogers, Teresa Marie
Schuster, Mary Lynn

Stanford, Callie Ann
Stout, Irina A.
Thompson, Sarah T.
Watkins, Tessie Kay
Watson, Carol Marie
Zerkel, Kimberly Blair

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Ballew, Linda Kay
Barker, Kelli Diane
Billings, Nate James †
Britt, Danny Ray
Browning, Serena Renee

Doss, Deborah Raines
Edwards, Jenna Elizabeth †
Fenix, Karla S.
Hess, Pamela Sue
Humphrey, Kyle Justin

Huser, Amber Rochelle
Jimenez, Jacqueline Veronica *
Khan, Nabila Younus †
Kimes, Christopher Aaron
Lansdown, Casey Janell †

Lockard, Breanna Nicole
Orr, Stacy Catherine
Parrigon, Sarah Ann
Sharp, Linda Dianne

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Burns, Richard Harrison

Potts, Tricia Chanae

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Braker, David J.

Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.79

Armstrong, Sarah Ann

Wells, Bernadean Arlene

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science

Basye, Jerome NMI
Management Technology
Joplin

Gleason, Michael David
Management Technology
Columbus, KS

Hughes, Jennifer Nichole
Management Technology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Adams, Jennifer Marie
Marketing/Management
Neosho

Adams, Lisa Kay
Management
Goodman

Alford, Jason Michael
General Business
Joplin

Alford, Julia Danelle
Management
Joplin

Ames, Scott William
General Business
Joplin

Armstrong, Shirley Anne
Accounting
Noel

Bates, Jeffrey Murl
Marketing
Golden City

Bates, Kendal L.
General Business
Wheaton

Boatright, David Lee
General Business
Carthage

Brewer, Bob J.
General Business
Joplin

Brunnert, Casey Lea *
Accounting
Carthage

Burleson, Clayton Randall
Marketing
Neosho

Burnett, Tambra K.
Accounting
Quapaw, OK

Cash, Deborah Ann
General Business
Diamond

Castle, Iashia Shante †
Accounting/Management
Kansas City

Clayton, Caleb Alan *
Accounting/International Business
Cassville

Cleveland, Karen Renee *
Management
Lamar

Crawford, Derek Robert
Accounting
Webb City

Crissman, Sean Alan
Accounting
Joplin

Daniel, Mary Leann
Accounting
Monett

Decker, Carol Ann
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Denton, Kimberly Marie
International Business
St. Joseph

DeSpain, Kathy R.
Accounting
Nevada

Dickinson, Candice Renee
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Dickinson, Graham William
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Dix, Jonathan Gene
General Business
Springfield

Dunning, Sherrie M.
Accounting/Finance and Economics
Aurora

Fanning, Kelly Ranonn
Marketing
Joplin

Farris, Carrie LeAnne
Management
Purdy

Franklin, Leslie Lynne
Management/General Business
Carthage

Friga, Kelli Jeanette
Marketing/Management
Webb City

Frost, Rene Lynn
Management
Afton, OK

Glover, Toney R.
Management
Joplin

Griffith, Darla Marie *
Management
Pierce City

Gronewold, Jonathan L.
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Guilford, Jennifer Lynn *
Management
Joplin

Habbena, Ryan
Accounting
Carl Junction

Haddock, Kevin L. *
General Business
Neosho

Harbin, William Randall
Accounting
Oronogo

Hargis, Brittany D.
General Business
Tulsa, OK

Hess, Pamela Sue
Accounting
Columbus, KS

Hill, Patrick Robert
Marketing
Lee's Summit

Hobson, Kasey L.
General Business
Joplin

Holden, Erin Denise *
General Business
Neosho

Holliday, Andrew Stephen
Management
Carthage

Holt, Lindsey Amanda * †
Marketing
Joplin

House, Kristina Dawn
Management
Carl Junction

Huser, Amber Rochelle
International Business
Lockwood

Jackson, Samantha Leona
Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Jenkins, Brett N.
General Business
Neosho

Jenny, Matthew David ‡
General Business
Joplin

Landers, Crystal Marie
Accounting
Anderson

Laster, Vincent James
Marketing
Neosho

Lefebvre, Paige A.
Marketing
Carl Junction

Leinneweber, Becky Lynn *
General Business
Joplin

Lemmons, Tracy G.
Marketing
Joplin

Maples, Natalie Jean
Accounting
Montezuma, KS

Marks, Nicholas Joseph
Accounting
Pryor, OK

Martin, Blake Glen
General Business
Anderson

Matlock, Michelle Dianne
Accounting
Wyandotte, OK

McGrew, Kelli Marie
Management
Joplin

McNeal, Melissa K.
Management
Springfield

Miller, Angela F.
Management
Marionville

Miller, Jana Lynn *
Marketing
Joplin

Miller, William Benton
Management
Webb City

Misiko, Christabel Mutenyo *
Marketing
Mombasa, Kenya
Joplin

Myers, Victoria Elizabeth
Accounting
Joplin

Newberry, Robert Stewart *
General Business
El Dorado Springs

Nguyen, Tan Minh
Accounting
Joplin

Njome, Alain Georges
International Business
Yaounde, Cameroon
Joplin

Obaideen, Feras Abdeen *
International Business
Joplin

Peluso, Michael Keith *
Accounting
Webb City

Pena, Jason John
Finance and Economics
Webb City

Pierre, Jacky
Accounting
Port au Prince, Haiti
Joplin

Pittman, Cynthia Marie
General Business
Fairview

Powell, Hayley Renee
Marketing
Joplin

Prudlick, Brandy Michelle
Marketing
Joplin

Reineke, Megan Mary
Management
Joplin

Reutlinger, Dacie Dee
General Business/Management
Owasso, OK

Richardson, Jason Ryan
Management
Joplin

Rogers, Teresa Marie
Accounting
Joplin

Rutledge, Kyle Taylor
General Business
Joplin

Scheirer, Lacey Anne
General Business
West Peoria, IL

Schrader, Clista Wynea
Management
Seneca

Schuster, Mary Lynn
General Business
Neosho

Silveira, Marcus Vinicius
International Business
Teresina, Piaui, Brazil
Joplin

Skaggs, Sarah Jane *
Marketing
Monett

Smith, Valencia Benecia
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Stafford, Erin Annette
Marketing/Management
Siloam Springs, AR

Starchman, Julie Lani
General Business
Galena, KS

Stout, Irina A.
Accounting
Reeds

Talbert, Tina M.
Management
Neosho

Taylor, Garrett Nelson †
Finance and Economics
Jasper

Taylor, Jeffrey James †
Management
Webb City

Thomason, Sarah Beth *
Accounting
Carthage

Tole, David Mwawuganga
Management/International Business
Mombasa, Kenya
Joplin

Tournear, Marla Kay
Management
Webb City

Van Houtan, Todd Eric *
Marketing
Joplin

Vavilova, Galina P.
Accounting
Union of Soviet Socialist Republic
Carthage

Wardlow, Jeremy David *
Management
Cleveland

West, John Paul
Marketing
Broken Arrow, OK

Wilson, Kacy Lynn
Management
Neosho

Winnett, Timothy D.
Management
Joplin

Wyler, Shelby Morgan
Marketing/General Business
Joplin

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Bond, Cody Lee
Psychology
Nevada

Cox, Sarah Elizabeth
Psychology
Joplin

Hoggard, Tabitha M.
Psychology
Seneca

Tillery, Karen Gail
Psychology
Rich Hill

Brown, Amber Nicole *
Psychology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Addison, Amy Rae
Health Promotion and Wellness
Owensville

Elkins, Charles Allen
Psychology
Joplin

Ledford, Nicole Anaise
Psychology
Joplin

Tate, Courtney Elaine * †
Health Promotion and Wellness
Norwood

Barker, Kelli Diane
Health Promotion and Wellness
Coffeyville, KS

Gastel, Sara Lynn *
Psychology
Jasper

Lipscomb, David Tate
Health Promotion and Wellness
Carthage

Terry, Christopher Eric
Psychology
Neosho

Beauvais, Jaylee Dawn
Psychology
Neosho

Hailey, Ariane Elizabeth
Psychology
Joplin

Mengel, Lindsay Marie
Psychology
Lamar

Tournear, Marla Kay *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Webb City

Bergman, Nichole Ann
Psychology
Cassville

Hathaway, LaDawn Cherie *
Psychology
Neosho

Nevins, Kari Dawn
Psychology
Joplin

Trotnic, Kandy Nicole *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Parsons, KS

Cagle, Amanda Michelle *
Psychology
Webb City

Horn, Melissa DeAnn Towers
Psychology
Pierce City

Pugh, Eugene John
Psychology
Carl Junction

Washington, Ashley Dawn *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Clements, Ashley Megan *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Arkansas City, KS

Horner, Daniel Lee
Health Promotion and Wellness
Adrian

Robotham, Christopher Matthew *
Psychology
St. Louis

Winfield, Robert Ryan *
Psychology
Joplin

Cline, Madeline Jean
Health Promotion and Wellness
Excelsior Springs

Killingsworth, Desiree Nicole
Health Promotion and Wellness
Dadeville

Stewart, Michelle Lee
Health Promotion and Wellness
Drexel

Dotson, Sarah Elizabeth *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Carthage

Lansdown, Casey Janell †
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Stockholm, Travis James *
Psychology
Springfield, SD

Bachelor of Science in Education

Avery, Heidi Dawn
Elementary Education
Joplin

Baugh, Trisha Lynn
Elementary Education
Carthage

Billings, April Lynn
Mathematics Education
Carl Junction

Blankenship, Amber Briana †
Elementary Education
Joplin

Brewer, Brandice JoAnne
Elementary Education
Stark City

Browning, Serena Renee
Elementary Education
Cleora, OK

Bruegel, Sonya Nicole
Elementary Education
Seneca

Bruton, Erin Leigh
Elementary Education
Joplin

Carr, Norman Christopher
Theatre/Speech Communications
Spanish Education
Purcell

Cornshucker, Morgan Michelle
Elementary Education
Terlton, OK

Cox, Arthur Duane
Elementary Education
Joplin

Crahan, Angela Marie
Elementary Education
Jasper

Depoe, Joshua Luke
Elementary Education
Webb City

Durborow, Angela Denean
Business Education
Miami, OK

Eckhart, Ashley Kaye †
Elementary Education
Webb City

Elbert, Holly C.
Mathematics Education
Seneca

Evans, Stephanie Lynn
Elementary Education
Columbus, KS

Feather, Dusty Todd
Elementary Education
Sarcoxie

Fiddler, James Clayton
Elementary Education
Miami, OK

Gibson, Sara Lynn ‡
Elementary Education
Joplin

Goans, Laura Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Lebanon

Gozia, Sarah Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Webb City

Graves, Joey Lee
Physical Education
Verona

Greenstreet, Lois Ann
Elementary Education
Joplin

Greer, Stacy Ann
Elementary Education
Goodman

Gubera, Brenden Shawn
Social Science Education
Joplin

Hancock, Suzanne Nichole
Elementary Education
Milo

Hartman, Angela Suzanne
Elementary Education
Lebanon

Hilburn, Cody Wayne
Physical Education
Neosho

Hill, Mary Sue Mahurin
Elementary Education
Joplin

Hodson, Haley Elizabeth
Social Science Education
Joplin

Holt, Matthew James
Social Science Education
Joplin

Hoover, Meghan Nicole
Elementary Education
Joplin

Ivie, Magan Marie
Elementary Education
Webb City

Jackson, Ryan E.
Business Education
Carl Junction

Janssen, Nancy Camille
Elementary Education
Webb City

Johnson, Anna Elizabeth
Music Education
Lamar

Johnson, Elizabeth Ann
Elementary Education
Neosho

Keele, Lisa D.
Social Science Education
Joplin

Kehrer, April Adair
Elementary Education
Mesa, AZ

Kress, Genii Lee
Art Education
Miami, OK

Krueger, Krista Nichole
Elementary Education
Monett

Lambeth, Ashley Dawn †
Elementary Education
Reeds

Leister, Tabitha Nicole
Social Science Education
Amsterdam

Littlefield Sheila A. ‡
Elementary Education
Diamond

Lockard, Breanna Nicole
Elementary Education
Carthage

McAfee, Tina
Business Education
Carl Junction

Mounts, Tara Beth
Elementary Education
Joplin

Orr, Stacy Catherine
Elementary Education
Mt. Vernon

Osborne, Jacob Olyn
Middle School Education
Carthage

Payne, Daphne A.
Middle School Education
Carthage

Peffly, Amanda Lea
Elementary Education
Welch, OK

Reed, Aaron Marie
Social Science Education
Webb City

Reiboldt, Kathleen Ann
English Education
Neosho

Reisner, Tera Michelle
Physical Education
San Angelo, TX

Rice, Forrest Dale
Physical Education
Sarcoxie

Robertson, Jr., Anthony Keith
English Education
Joplin

Ross, Brooke Dianna
Elementary Education
Stotts City

Sapp, Elizabeth Kathleen ‡
Elementary Education
Granby

Scriven, Aaron M.
Music Education
Joplin

Sharp, Linda Dianne
Elementary Education
Joplin

Skiles, Sarah Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Purdy

Spector, Karrie Beth
Elementary Education
Joplin

Stanford, Callie Ann
English Education
Webb City

Stokes, Christa Lynn
Elementary Education
Duenweg

Tarvin, Jamie Lynn
Middle School Education
Butler

Theissen, Tracy Lynn
Mathematics Education
Mustang, OK

Tyndall, Sabrina Marie
Middle School Education
Oronogo

Watkins, Tessie Kay
Elementary Education
El Dorado Springs

Weldy, Clayton Eugene
Social Science Education
Aurora

White, Derick Joseph
Social Science Education
Asbury

Whyte, Bryan Michael
Theatre/Speech Communications
Education
Webb City

Woolard, Alese Ann
Unified Science Biology Education
Claremore, OK

Bachelor of General Studies

Branstetter, Chris Lee
General Studies
Purdy

Collins, Brenna Leigh
General Studies
Joplin

Ducommun, Waverly Faith *
General Studies
Joplin

Foster, Julie A. *
General Studies
Joplin

Gillespie, Tony Desmond
General Studies
Coweta, OK

Hunley-Harraman, Rachel Joy
General Studies
Webb City

Jones, Elise Jennifer
General Studies
Mt. Vernon

Kriekhaus, Lori Ann
General Studies
Racine

Mathes, DeMarcus M.
General Studies
Joplin

McMunn, Kim Denise
General Studies
Parsons, KS

Muehler, Chad David *
General Studies
Carl Junction

Osborne, Amanda Marie
General Studies
Lamar

Overton, Tracey Jo
General Studies
Joplin

Prince, Mary J. *
General Studies
Joplin

Rapp-Hall, Jacque Delane *
General Studies
Carl Junction

Ritter, Robyn Rene *
General Studies
Joplin

Rogers, Diesha J. *
General Studies
Neosho

Salsman, Sandra Michelle
General Studies
Joplin

Shyers, David L.
General Studies
Miami, OK

Slean, Mary Elizabeth
General Studies
Joplin

Springston, Ashlee Rose *
General Studies
Springdale, AR

Taylor, Shanda R.
General Studies
Mt. Vernon

Tevis, Andrew Holladay
General Studies
Rathdrum, ID

Thomas, Stacey Dawn
General Studies
Joplin

Turner, Erin Nicole
General Studies
Joplin

Weathers, Kendria Laurell
General Studies
Joplin

Widner, Melissa Ann
General Studies
Duenweg

Williamson, Rhonda Gay
General Studies
Baxter Springs, KS

Bachelor of Science in Education

Avery, Heidi Dawn
Elementary Education
Joplin

Baugh, Trisha Lynn
Elementary Education
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Elementary Education
Terlton, OK

Cox, Arthur Duane
Elementary Education
Joplin

Crahan, Angela Marie
Elementary Education
Jasper

Depoe, Joshua Luke
Elementary Education
Webb City

Durborow, Angela Denean
Business Education
Miami, OK

Eckhart, Ashley Kaye †
Elementary Education
Webb City

Elbert, Holly C.
Mathematics Education
Seneca

Evans, Stephanie Lynn
Elementary Education
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Elementary Education
Sarcoxie

Fiddler, James Clayton
Elementary Education
Miami, OK

Gibson, Sara Lynn ‡
Elementary Education
Joplin

Goans, Laura Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Lebanon

Gozia, Sarah Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Webb City

Graves, Joey Lee
Physical Education
Verona

Greenstreet, Lois Ann
Elementary Education
Joplin

Greer, Stacy Ann
Elementary Education
Goodman

Gubera, Brenden Shawn
Social Science Education
Joplin

Hancock, Suzanne Nichole
Elementary Education
Milo

Hartman, Angela Suzanne
Elementary Education
Lebanon

Hilburn, Cody Wayne
Physical Education
Neosho

Hill, Mary Sue Mahurin
Elementary Education
Joplin

Hodson, Haley Elizabeth
Social Science Education
Joplin

Holt, Matthew James
Social Science Education
Joplin

Hoover, Meghan Nicole
Elementary Education
Joplin

Ivie, Magan Marie
Elementary Education
Webb City

Jackson, Ryan E.
Business Education
Carl Junction

Janssen, Nancy Camille
Elementary Education
Webb City

Johnson, Anna Elizabeth
Music Education
Lamar

Johnson, Elizabeth Ann
Elementary Education
Neosho

Keele, Lisa D.
Social Science Education
Joplin

Kehrer, April Adair
Elementary Education
Mesa, AZ

Kress, Genii Lee
Art Education
Miami, OK

Krueger, Krista Nichole
Elementary Education
Monett

Lambeth, Ashley Dawn †
Elementary Education
Reeds

Leister, Tabitha Nicole
Social Science Education
Amsterdam

Littlefield Sheila A. ‡
Elementary Education
Diamond

Lockard, Breanna Nicole
Elementary Education
Carthage

McAfee, Tina
Business Education
Carl Junction

Mounts, Tara Beth
Elementary Education
Joplin

Orr, Stacy Catherine
Elementary Education
Mt. Vernon

Osborne, Jacob Olyn
Middle School Education
Carthage

Payne, Daphne A.
Middle School Education
Carthage

Peffly, Amanda Lea
Elementary Education
Welch, OK

Reed, Aaron Marie
Social Science Education
Webb City

Reiboldt, Kathleen Ann
English Education
Neosho

Reisner, Tera Michelle
Physical Education
San Angelo, TX

Rice, Forrest Dale
Physical Education
Sarcoxie

Robertson, Jr., Anthony Keith
English Education
Joplin

Ross, Brooke Dianna
Elementary Education
Stotts City

Sapp, Elizabeth Kathleen ‡
Elementary Education
Granby

Scriven, Aaron M.
Music Education
Joplin

Sharp, Linda Dianne
Elementary Education
Joplin

Skiles, Sarah Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Purdy

Spector, Karrie Beth
Elementary Education
Joplin

Stanford, Callie Ann
English Education
Webb City

Stokes, Christa Lynn
Elementary Education
Duenweg

Tarvin, Jamie Lynn
Middle School Education
Butler

Theissen, Tracy Lynn
Mathematics Education
Mustang, OK

Tyndall, Sabrina Marie
Middle School Education
Oronogo

Watkins, Tessie Kay
Elementary Education
El Dorado Springs

Weldy, Clayton Eugene
Social Science Education
Aurora

White, Derick Joseph
Social Science Education
Asbury

Whyte, Bryan Michael
Theatre/Speech Communications
Education
Webb City

Woolard, Alese Ann
Unified Science Biology Education
Claremore, OK

Bachelor of General Studies

Branstetter, Chris Lee
General Studies
Purdy

Collins, Brenna Leigh
General Studies
Joplin

Ducommun, Waverly Faith *
General Studies
Joplin

Foster, Julie A. *
General Studies
Joplin

Gillespie, Tony Desmond
General Studies
Coweta, OK

Hunley-Harraman, Rachel Joy
General Studies
Webb City

Jones, Elise Jennifer
General Studies
Mt. Vernon

Kriekhaus, Lori Ann
General Studies
Racine

Mathes, DeMarcus M.
General Studies
Joplin

McMunn, Kim Denise
General Studies
Parsons, KS

Muehler, Chad David *
General Studies
Carl Junction

Osborne, Amanda Marie
General Studies
Lamar

Overton, Tracey Jo
General Studies
Joplin

Prince, Mary J. *
General Studies
Joplin

Rapp-Hall, Jacque Delane *
General Studies
Carl Junction

Ritter, Robyn Rene *
General Studies
Joplin

Rogers, Diesha J. *
General Studies
Neosho

Salsman, Sandra Michelle
General Studies
Joplin

Shyers, David L.
General Studies
Miami, OK

Slean, Mary Elizabeth
General Studies
Joplin

Springston, Ashlee Rose *
General Studies
Springdale, AR

Taylor, Shanda R.
General Studies
Mt. Vernon

Tevis, Andrew Holladay
General Studies
Rathdrum, ID

Thomas, Stacey Dawn
General Studies
Joplin

Turner, Erin Nicole
General Studies
Joplin

Weathers, Kendria Laurell
General Studies
Joplin

Widner, Melissa Ann
General Studies
Duenweg

Williamson, Rhonda Gay
General Studies
Baxter Springs, KS

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Alvarez, Staci Marie ‡

History
Neosho

Barker, Matthew Kirk

History
Riverton, KS

Beckner, Barry Alvin

History
Joplin

Billings, Nate J. †

Communication/German
Pierce City

Bishop, Derek Lee

Music
Joplin

Branum, Susana Kate †

Communication/Spanish
Monett

Brown, Auriel Ebonie *

Communication
Joplin

Brown, Cody Joe

English
Carterville

Burchfield, Rebekah N. *

Political Science
Neosho

Busse, Stephenie Lynn *

Communication
Joplin

DeLaney, Kristina Jane *

Political Science
Nevada

Denton, Kimberly Marie

Spanish
St. Joseph

Ducommun, Eric Brandis

Spanish
Carl Junction

Elam, Gregory Robert *

Communication
Neosho

Emory, Della M. *

Communication
Carthage

Farrar, Amber Rachelle

Communication
Joplin

Fast, Adam Gregory

Communication
Webb City

Freeman, Tiffany Nicole *

Art
Joplin

Gallemore, Caleb Tyrell †

International Studies
Seneca

Gerlach, Thomas J. †

Communication
Tulsa, OK

Hansen, Diana Marie *

Art
Joplin

Hare, Jason Andrew *

Music
Joplin

Hite, Matthew Scott

Political Science
Joplin

Huser, Amber Rochelle

Spanish
Lockwood

Jackson, Rhonda K.

Art
Lamar

Jimenez, Jacqueline Veronica *

Political Science
Neosho

Johnson, Cemma Katherine

Communication
Granby

Johnson, Rebekah June

Political Science
Lamar

Knapp, Jason Dean

Political Science
Neosho

Kress, Genii Lee

Art
Miami, OK

Kuhl, Katherine Holly

Political Science
Pierce City

Njoume, Alain Georges

French
Yaounde, Cameroon
Joplin

Patterson, Amy Lynn

Art
Goodman

Peron, Mark Edward

Political Science
Joplin

Petersen-Patrick, Gina Desiree

Art
Neosho

Roper, Russell S. *

Communication
Joplin

Rosado-Hawley, Robin Leigh

Sociology
Carl Junction

Rutledge, Melissa Diane

Theatre
Duenweg

Stevenson, Michael F.

Spanish
Neosho

Tennison, Renae Dawn

Communication
Ozark

Thompson, Sarah T.

Communication
Joplin

Thompson, Shawn Dale

English
Joplin

Tucker, Branden Wayne

Theatre
Independence

Von Canon, Rachel Margaret

English
Golden City

Wade, Michelle Marie

English
Joplin

Walters, Scott Kemp

Communication
Joplin

Watson, Carol Marie

Spanish
Clever

White, Jennica Brinn ‡

Music
Catoosa, OK

Whited, Melissa Anne

Political Science
Joplin

Wolfe, Bobbie J.

Communication
Joplin

Woods, Travis Scott *

English
Aurora

Zerkel, Kimberly Blair

English/French
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Adamson, Jeffrey L.

Political Science
Carl Junction

Alexander, Anthony J.

Biology
Pierce City

Ball, Amzel Rochelle *‡

Biology
Neosho

Brewer, Bob J.

Chemistry
Joplin

Brigham II, Steven Allen

Sociology
Webb City

Bullette, Linda Rene

Sociology
Joplin

Clark, Elizabeth Jayan

Biology
Webb City

Collins, Mary K.

Environmental Health
Miami, OK

Cook, Brenda Sue *

Environmental Health/Biology
Carl Junction

Courtney, Kayla Dawn *

Biology
Joplin

Cullum, Amber Nicole

Biology
Joplin

Dalglish, David James

Mathematics
Monett

Doss, Deborah Raines

Sociology
Joplin

Duren, Sheila Rena

Sociology
Joplin

Elbert, Holly Constance

Mathematics
Seneca

Faal, Tutty Isatou

Biology
Serrekunda, The Gambia
Claremont, CA

Ferdig, Kevin Tyler

Biology
Noel

Harris, Jacilyn Lorraine

Political Science
Neosho

Heisten, Jacob Ryan *

Political Science
Carthage

Herbert, Jeremiah S.

Biology
Seneca

Howell, Stacey Renee

Sociology
Branson

Johnson, Marci Nicole

Biology
Winona

Jones, Christen Marie †

Biology
Branson

Jones, Daniel Alden

Biology
Reeds

Keppeler, Joshua Lee

Mathematics
Webb City

Khan, Nabila Younus †

Biology
Bengazi, Libya
Joplin

Larsen, Madelaine Antoinette

Biology
Joplin

Marlett, Brandon David

Chemistry
Joplin

McLaughlin, Daryl G.

Sociology
Joplin

Morey, Aimee M. †

Chemistry
Joplin

Neely, Frank Edward *

Political Science
Joplin

Parrigon, Sarah Ann

Biology
Joplin

Peebles, Nicole Melissa

Sociology
Neosho

Peters, Jenny Marie ‡ †

Mathematics
Lamar

Rider, Les R. *

Political Science
Joplin

Salsbury, Sara Layne †

Biology
Webb City

Schlink, Sarah Nicole

Biology
Lamar

Skinner, David Michael

Biology
Republic

Smith, Matthew Curtis

Sociology
Joplin

Smothers, Christine S. *

Sociology
Carthage

Taylor, Joshua Scott

Chemistry
Cleveland

Tillery, Kathryn Mae *

Sociology
Rich Hill

Tilton, Ryan Patrice

Biology
Webb City

Todd, Daniel L.

Biology
Leeton

Wells, Sommer Dawn

Environmental Health
Exeter

Williams, Joel David

Environmental Health
Joplin

Wilson, Kelly Jean

Sociology
Grove, OK

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Ansley, Alyssa J.

Nursing
Webb City

Artinger, Stephanie Michele

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Bailey, Garaleah Lynn

Criminal Justice Administration
Newtonia

Baker, Matthew John

Nursing
Joplin

Ballew, Linda Kay

Nursing
Joplin

Beezley, Anastasia Noel

Nursing
Joplin

Bemo, Rachel Renelle

Nursing
Joplin

Birner, Joe Alan

Computer Information Science
Neosho

Bredar, Nicole K.

Medical Technology
Springfield

Britt, Danny Ray

Computer Information Science
Seneca

Browning, John M.

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Bryant, Michelle Rene *

Health Science
Carl Junction

Byrd, Janine Marie

Nursing
San Andres Island, Congo, Colombia
Carthage

Calhoun, Jr., Gary D.

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Campbell, Matthew Stephen

Criminal Justice Administration
Worthington, IN

Clark, Kenny Levon

Criminal Justice Administration
Marceline

Clark, Trisha G.

Criminal Justice Administration
Marceline

Clarkson Green, Bobby Jean †

Computer Information Science
Walnut, KS

Cole, Jennifer Joann

Nursing
Neosho

Connor, Julie Lynn

Health Science
Joplin

Cox, Ashley Erin

Health Science
Clever

Cravens, Carrie Ann

Nursing
Blue Springs

Crouch, Rebecca Lee

Nursing
Greenfield

Crupper, Jill Anne

Nursing
Neosho

Daulton, Aaron Brent

Nursing
Joplin

DeGraffenreid, Chad Morris Lee

Industrial Engineering Technology
Webb City

Eaton, Joseph Neil *

Criminal Justice Administration
Monett

Edwards, Jenna Elizabeth * †

Health Science
Joplin

Elbert, Sarah Rachael

Nursing
Pierce City

Fenix, Karla S.

Nursing
Sarcoxie

Gallemore, Chad Douglas

Computer Information Science
Neosho

Gibson, Lorrie S.

Nursing
Carthage

Gibson, Martha Elaine

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Gish, Amanda Ann

Computer Forensics
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Griffin, Brenda Sue *

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Griffin, Micah Wayne

Computer Information Science
Computational Mathematics
Seneca

Hamilton, Jordan Ryan

Computer Forensics
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Harshaw, Rebecca K.

Health Science
Sarcoxie

Hightower, Jewelene

Nursing
Neosho

Hill, Helena Patricia

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Hilton, Heather Dawn †

Nursing
Ozark

Hoffman, Denise Desiree

Nursing
Carl Junction

Humphrey, Kyle Justin

Criminal Justice Administration
Hume

Iaru, Stefan †

Computer Information Science
Bacau, Romania
Joplin

Irwin, Nicole Lynette

Criminal Justice Administration
Columbus, KS

Jaramillo, Hugo

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Jones, Joseph Clark

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Karki, Melinda M.

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Ketchum, Schyler Lee

Criminal Justice Administration
Fort Scott, KS

Kimes, Christohper Aaron

Criminal Justice Administration
West Plains

Kissinger, Abbie Rachel *

Criminal Justice Administration
Newton, KS

Kloeckener, Mark J.

Nursing
Joplin

Kuenzel, Jill Marie *

Health Science
Washington

Kuticka, Christy June

Criminal Justice Administration
Republic

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Nursing
Neosho

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Lopardo, John Wesley <i>Management Technology (MIMS)</i> Wentworth	Nielson, Joseph Brian <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Robinson, James Albert * <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Republic	Spencer, Teresa Belle * <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Sheldon
Lopez, Tara Christen † <i>Nursing</i> Carl Junction	Nobharatana, Natasha N. <i>Nursing</i> Rocky Comfort	Robinson, Ryan Leonard <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Independence	Staggs, Bradley S. <i>Nursing</i> Carthage
Lowry, Tracy Leigh <i>Nursing</i> Seneca	Ogden, Arin L. * <i>Health Science</i> Lamar	Sanders, Angela Dawn <i>Nursing</i> Neosho	Stephens, Vanessa N. <i>Nursing</i> Joplin
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Morgan, Lori Rachel <i>Nursing</i> Joplin	Prince, Dionne Latrice <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Milwaukee, WI	Slawinski, Kristine Marie * <i>Health Science</i> Joplin	Turner, Deborah Sue <i>Nursing</i> Webb City

Turner, Melissa Marie

Nursing
Claremore, OK

Updegraff, Amanda Nicole

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Vitrano, Jeffrey John

Criminal Justice Administration
Sayreville

Wall, Sareta Rachel

Nursing
Granby

Walters, Jessika Marie

Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Wardlow, Mike

Nursing
Joplin

Wilmoth, Robert David

Management Technology (MIMS)
Webb City

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Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Witte, Michael Tyler

Computer Information Science
Plano, TX

Wyman, Anna

Nursing
Joplin

Zacny, Dana Leanne *

Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Associate of Arts

Brown, Shannon Marie

General Studies
Mesa, AZ

Eckerman, Joshua Travis *

General Studies
Webb City

Ford, Sharon J.

General Studies
Carthage

Jones, Elise Jennifer

General Studies
Mt. Vernon

Latham, Jeremy Deshon

General Studies
Bowling Green, KY

Lee, Gerald Wayne

General Studies
Cartersville

Martin, Nathan Eugene

General Studies
Joplin

Mead, April D.

General Studies
Joplin

Sbabo, Jessica Ann

General Studies
St. James

Slatton, David W.

General Studies
Joplin

Stevens, Sally Luann

General Studies
Brooklyn, NY

Talbott, Dawn M.

General Studies
Webb City

Tyndall, Waylon Jayrrett

General Studies
Oronogo

Associate of Science

Armstrong, Jennifer Kay

Computer Aided Graphic Design
Miami, OK

Armstrong, Sarah Ann *

Radiologic Technology
St. Joseph

Atwater, Christie Jo

Dental Hygiene
Siloam Springs, AR

Baker, Audrey Jo

Dental Hygiene
Humboldt, KS

Beeson, Lindy Lee

Dental Hygiene
Granby

Birner, Joe Alan

Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Neosho

Braker, David J.

Accounting/General Business
Jasper

Britt, Danny Ray

Computer Information Science
Seneca

Browning, John M.

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Burns, Richard Harrison

Computer Information Science
Joplin

Calhoun, Jr., Gary D.

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Campbell, Matthew Stephen

Law Enforcement
Worthington, IN

Clark, Terry Cameron

Computer Aided Graphic Design
Irwin

Clarkson Green, Bobby Jean †

Computer Information Science
Walnut, KS

Comstedt, Rebecca Gail

Dental Hygiene
Webb City

Cox, Ashley Erin

Dental Hygiene
Clever

Curry, Hannah C. *
Radiologic Technology
Carthage

Davis, Robert Donald
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Day, Jeffrey Tyler *
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Downing, Erin LeAnn
Law Enforcement
Sarcoxie

Drost, Joann C. *
Radiologic Technology
Joplin

Edwards, Jenna E. * †
Radiologic Technology
Joplin

Gibson, Martha Elaine
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Griffin, Brenda Sue *
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Hamilton, James Darrell *
Law Enforcement
Bolivar

Harris, Karen Michelle
General Business
Kansas City

Hill, Bobbi Jo
Dental Hygiene
Hindsville, AR

Hill, Helena Patricia
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Hollingsworth, Andrea Summer
Dental Hygiene
Wheaton

Humphrey, Kyle Justin
Law Enforcement
Hume

Jadlot, Cassie Jo
Dental Hygiene
Sheldon

Jeffreis, Janis J.
Dental Hygiene
Lamar

Julian, Aimee Leigh
Dental Hygiene
Miami, OK

Kidd, Roger D.
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Joplin

Kimes, Christohper Aaron
Law Enforcement
West Plains

King, Gena Kristine
Law Enforcement
Carl Junction

Kissinger, Abbie Rachel *
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Newton, KS

Kuenzel, Jill Marie
Dental Hygiene
Washington

Marcum, James Willis *
Computer Information Science
Joplin

McCool, Stephany Kaye *
General Business
Joplin

McDaniel, Christopher Charles
Law Enforcement
Carl Junction

McKee, Monica M.
Radiologic Technology
Liberal

McWhirter, Jennifer Lea
Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Merritt, Freddie Nile
Accounting
Mt. Vernon

Nielson, Joseph Brian
Law Enforcement
Joplin

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Computer Assisted Manufacturing
Technology/ Computer Aided Drafting and
Design Engineering Technology
Joplin

Page, Jeramy Glenn
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Penrose, Brandon James *
Law Enforcement
Springfield

Perry, Casey Dianne
Dental Hygiene
Carthage

Phillips, Megan Jill *
Radiologic Technology
Reeds

Pinola, Daniel Lee
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Alba

Potts, Tricia Chanea
Radiologic Technology
Jerico Springs

Prince, Dionne Latrice
Law Enforcement
Milwaukee, WI

Reeder, April Dawn
Dental Hygiene
Savannah

Schroeder, Robin Michael
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Schroter, Jorgen P.
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Slean, Mary Elizabeth
Computer Assisted Manufacturing
Technology
Joplin

Smith, Brian Glenn *
Radiologic Technology
Joplin

Smith, Charles Fitzchew
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Smith, Gina L.
Dental Hygiene
Carthage

Spencer, Teresa Belle *
Law Enforcement
Sheldon

Spurlock, Denise Erin
Dental Hygiene
Huntsville, AR

Stewart, Robert J.
Law Enforcement
Tulsa, OK

Taylor, Matthew W.
Law Enforcement
Springfield

Tharpe, Wendy Sue
Dental Hygiene
Murfreesboro, TN

Turner, George W.
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Rich Hill

Venegas, Enrique
General Business
Santiago, Chili
Joplin

Webb, Paula Jayne
Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Wells, Bernadean Arlene *
Radiologic Technology
Webb City

Williams, Heather Denise
General Business
Lamar

Wilmoth, Robert David
Computer Assisted Manufacturing
Technology
Webb City

Winder, Bruce D. *
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Witte, Michael Tyler
Computer Information Science
Plano, TX

Wood, Joy Marie *
Radiologic Technology
Wyandotte, OK

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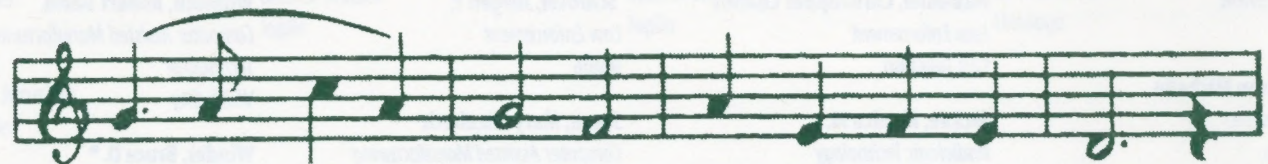
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Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in our ceremony are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown.	Fine Arts
Crimson.	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green.	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown.	Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Our Mission

Missouri Southern State University is a state-supported, comprehensive university offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree and selected master's degrees. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the University also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community.

The University's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the University's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity.

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State University emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the University, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the University by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University will:

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri,
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity.